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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

Documents AA, AC and AT were cited in a Supplementary European Search Report dated October 18, 2007. A copy of the search report is also attached.

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